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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,751,301
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,712,668
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,109,726
- (4) EP 0 845 360
- (5) EP 0 850 773
- (6) EP 0 856 404
- (7) EP 0 913 262
- (8) EP 1 010 535
- (9) DE 195 31 352

Documents 1 and 3 to 9 were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. Copies of two European Search Reports in which the documents were cited are enclosed.

An English-language abstract for the German document (9) cited in the European Search Report is enclosed. In addition, document 2 is believed to be the English-language equivalent of the German document. Also, a concise explanation of relevance for each of the documents listed above is provided in the European Search Report.

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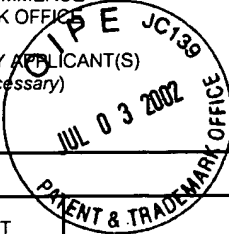
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		<b>EP Search Report dated February 4, 2002</b>					
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